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AND METHOD)	

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Sir:

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Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2005. The period for response extends through September 16, 2005 by the concurrently filed request for a one month extension of time and corresponding fee payment.